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Selected businesses required to move activities outdoors or close

Some businesses in Riverside County are now required to move their activities outdoors as part of statewide actions to slow the spread of coronavirus.

The governor's announcement today impacts 19 counties, including Riverside County, that were recently placed on a watch list by state officials. Newsom said the order to move activities outdoors was necessary to reduce the spread of coronavirus, which has seen an upswing in cases statewide and in Riverside County.

Those businesses that cannot move activities outside must close.

The new restrictions include:

- --Restaurants
- --Wineries and tasting rooms
- --Movie theaters
- --Family entertainment centers
- -- Zoos and museums
- --Cardrooms

"We all have a responsibility in slowing this disease. We will follow the governor's directive and expect all residents, visitors and business owners to do so as well," said Board Chair V. Manuel Perez, Fourth District Supervisor. "Let's all do our part

to stay safe by wearing face coverings, keeping our distance from others and not attending social gatherings."

Restaurants and other businesses may still do takeout, so long as there is no indoor dining.

The new rules come as residents prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday and follow an order issued Monday by Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser to close bars to slow the spread of the virus.

Riverside County health officials remind all residents there is still a statewide stay at home order in effect and social gatherings are known places where the disease is spread. Residents and visitors should celebrate the holiday at home – without visitors.

Riverside County officials also remind residents to get screened at one of the many coronavirus testing sites located throughout the region. More than 230,000 tests have been conducted in Riverside County so far. For more information on testing, click <u>www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing</u>.

